

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to continue to be in condition for allowance. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that previously pending claims had been allowed.

This amendment is being filed as part of an RCE together with a petition to withdrawal from issue the allowed application.

The previous pending independent claims have been amended to remove a recitation of strips joining adjacent stringers. This recitation has been moved to a dependent claim. this recitation is not necessary to patentably recite the invention.

The new independent claim is based on allowable subject matter, and includes further recitations.

As all the claims include features which patentably recite the invention, allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

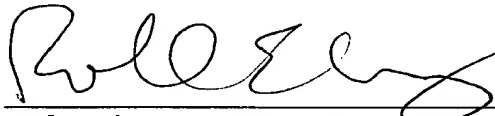
There are no formal matters outstanding.

In view of the above, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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